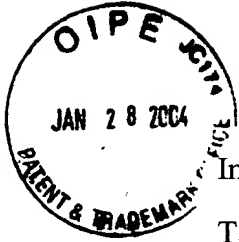


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Each of the listed Japanese documents was cited during prosecution of a Japanese counterpart application. The remaining listed documents are believed to be English language counterparts of the Japanese documents. In particular, U.S. Patent No. 5,287,218 is believed to correspond to JP No. 6-27832; U.S. Patent No. 5,661,604 is believed to correspond to JP No. 7-181391; U.S. Patent No. 5,825,553 is believed to correspond to JP No. 7-218844; U.S. Patent No. 5,969,882 is believed to correspond to JP No. 11-109244; and EP 1079253 A1 is believed to correspond to JP No. 11-354436. Applicants are not aware of an English language counterpart of JP No. 10-308345. English-language abstracts are also enclosed for each of the Japanese documents.


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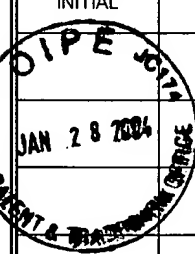
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